A survey for a new BG line from Jaipur to Nathdwara *via* Diggi-Malpura-Kekri-Shahpura-Banera Bhilwara-Gangapur (350 kms) was conducted in the past but the project could not be taken up keeping in view its unremunerative nature and constraint of resources.

Jaisalmer to Barmer New Line.

This is a part of Jaisalmer-Kandla new broad gauge line for which survey has been done. Work could not be taken up due to large throwforward of ongoing projects, constraint of resources and unremunerative nature of the line.

Nagaur-Javal-Ladnu-Sikar-Neem Ka Thana New Line.

No survey has been done.

Accident on Saryu Express

†89. SHRI MOTTLAL VORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that on 19th January, 2009, a large number of youth boarded the roofs of coaches because of non-availability of seats in Saryu Express and fifty youths fell down from the roofs at Chilbila station;

(b) if so, the number of youth died and injured;

(c) the aid extended by Government to the bereaved families of the dead and injured;

(d) the reasons for not stopping the youth from boarding the roofs of the coaches; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to prevent such accidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. On 19.01.2009, some persons were found travelling on the roof of Train No.4125 (Saryu Express) at Pratapgarh Railway station and were brought down and accommodated inside the coaches by Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police. On arrival of the train at Chilbila Railway station, few persons travelling unauthorizedely again boarded the roof of the train. Some of them fell down from the roof due to hit by branch of a tree near the track when the train was passing between Chilbila and Khandor Railway stations in Pratapgarh-Sultanpur section over Lucknow Division of Northern Railway.

(b) 3 persons died and 28 were injured in this incident.

(c) No financial aid is permissible to the dependents of those dead and injured in this accident, as traveling on roof top of a train is unauthorized and is punishable offence under the provisions of the Railways Act, 1989.

(d) Efforts were made to detrain the unauthorized roof travelers at Pratapgarh and Chilbila stations by Railway Protection Force Government Railway Police and station staff, but some of the youth climbed again on the roof of the compartment when train left from Chilbila, where there was no deployment of Railway Protection Force / Government Railway Police Staff.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) Following steps are being taken to prevent such incidents in future:-

1. Frequent drives are being conducted by Railway Protection Force against roof travellers to prevent such incidents.

2. Escorting staff are being briefed regularly to check such incidents during train escorting duty.

3. Supervisory staff are also conducting frequent surprise checks to prevent such incidents.

4. Action is being taken under section 156 of the Railways Act against the roof travellers.

5. Security personnel have been advised to be more vigilant to prevent such incidents in future.

6. Railway Protection Force, Government Railway Police and Commercial staff, where available, are advised not to allow any person to board on the roof of the train.

Unused railway land

†90. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry proposes to give its unused land to the State Governments at their request for introducing new schemes and developing the same;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent of such land comes under each State;

(d) whether Government proposes to give this unused land on lease to the families living thereon; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The vacant railway land is required by Railways for its future development works. However, till such time, the land is required by Railways for its own operational use, the same is put to various short-term uses like commercial licensing, commercial plantation, Grow More Food (GMF) scheme, etc. In addition, where potential exists it is proposed to undertake commercial development of land through Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA).

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Manufacturing capacity during eleventh five year plan

91. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for manufacturing of wagons, coaches, electric engines, diesel engines,

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